

Bee Ordinance Survey

The San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures has been asked to evaluate the bee ordinance to reduce the required distance between apiaries and other dwellings, property lines and roadways in the unincorporated area of the county. Our concern is to provide safety for all residents of San Diego County while allowing reasonable beekeeping activities. You have been identified as a potential stakeholder in this issue and we would like to receive your input on the questions below.

1. What is your experience with bees?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> beekeeper | <input type="checkbox"/> emergency responder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> health official | <input type="checkbox"/> pest control company |
| <input type="checkbox"/> school official | <input type="checkbox"/> general public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ | |

2. Do you respond to bee calls in the unincorporated area?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

3. Currently, the required distance from a bee hive to a dwelling is 600 feet. Do you think the distance should :

- ☐ stay the same ☐ be increased ☐ be reduced

4. What effect do you think reducing the distance of hives to dwellings will have on complaints or stinging incidents?

- ☐ increase complaints ☐ decrease complaints ☐ no effect

5. If you think the 600 foot distance to a dwelling should be reduced, what distance do you think is appropriate and still maintain safety for the public?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 400 – 500 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> 300-400 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> 100-200 feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-100 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> less than 25 feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no distance is needed | | |

6. If a six-foot fly-over barrier is located between beehives and the adjoining property, what distance do you think is necessary between the beehives and the adjoining property?

- ☐ stay the same – 600 feet
- ☐ 300-400 feet
- ☐ 100-200 feet
- ☐ 50-100 feet
- ☐ 25-50 feet
- ☐ less than 25 feet
- ☐ no distance is needed with a 6' fly-over barrier

7. Currently 600 feet is required from a bee hives to a dwelling, but there are no required distances from a bee hive to confined or penned animals such as horses or dogs. Should distances to confined animals be included in the County bee ordinance?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Currently the distance from a bee hive to a road is 100 feet to provide safety for pedestrians, including school children, bicyclists and others using the roadsides. Do you think the current distance should:

☐ stay the same

☐ be increased

☐ be reduced

9. If you think the distance from bee hives to roads should be changed, what distance do you think it should be?

☐ More than 100 feet

☐ 75 feet

☐ 50 feet

☐ 25 feet

☐ less than 25 feet

☐ no distance is needed

10. Currently the County bee ordinance does not mention sensitive sites. Should bee hives be required to be kept a certain minimum distance from sensitive sites, such as daycare, kennels, schools, playgrounds, etc.?

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. Do you have any other comments?

Please return this survey: email to sdcawm@sdcounty.ca.gov, FAX to 858-467-9697 or mail to Agriculture, Weights & Measures, 9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123-1217.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Carr, Senior Agricultural / Standards Inspector at 858-614-7776.

Thank you for participating in our survey.